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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON KAUNDA VISIT

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN ON KAUNDA VISIT. POSTS SHOULD DRAW ON GUIDANCE
IN RESPONDING TO PRESS INQUIRIES. FOR LONDON FYI: SUB-
STANCE OF AID DECISIONS WAS CONVEYED TO UK EMBASSY
WASHINGTON PRIOR TO TALKS WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA. END FYI.

2. US ECONOMIC AID TO ZAMBIA
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Q. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT
CARTER HAS PROMISED PRESIDENT KAUNDA OF ZAMBIA THAT THE US
WILL PROVIDE ABOUT DOLS 100 MILLION IN AID TO HIS COUNTRY
OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER DETAILS?

A- THIS PLANNED AMOUNT OF AID ACTUALLY COVERS THE CURRENT

FISCAL YEAR AND THE NEXT TWO, ENDING-IN SEPTEMBER. IT INCLUDES ALL FORMS OF BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO ZAMBIA, INCLUDING LOANS TO FINANCE COMMODITY IMPORTS, CONCESSIONAL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS UNDER PL-480 TITLE I, AND ZAMBIA'S SHARE OF A REGIONAL MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM. THE FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE ASSISTANCE FROM MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH THE US CONTRIBUTES.

Q. WHAT ACTUAL AID LEVELS ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

A. IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR (FY 78) WE HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO PROVIDE DOLS 30 MILLION FOR COMMODITY IMPORTS AND PLAN TO PROVIDE DOLS 8.5 MILLION IN PL 480. IN FY 79, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS REQUESTED DOLS 20 MILLION IN SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE FOR ZAMBIA, AGAIN TO BE DISBURSED IN THE FORM OF A COMMODITY IMPORT LOAN. ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE EARMARKING AT LEAST DOLS 10 MILLION IN PL 480 COMMODITIES FOR FY 79. THE FY 80 BUDGET CYCLE IS JUST GETTING UNDERWAY, AND SPECIFIC FIGURES ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE, BUT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO VALIDATE THE DOLS 100 MILLION FIGURE ANNOUNCED TODAY. I SHOULD ADD, OF COURSE, THAT ALL FUTURE LEVELS ARE SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, AND TO CONTINUING NEED FOR THESE MAGNITUDES OF BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND FOOD AID.

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3. LACK OF COMMUNIQUE

Q. WHY IS THERE NO JOINT COMMUNIQUE OR OTHER FORMAL STATEMENT WRAPPING UP PRESIDENT CARTER'S TALKS WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA. SOME BIG DISAGREEMENT?

A. THE LACK OF A COMMUNIQUE HAS NO SUBSTANTIVE SIGNIFICANCE. SUCH COMMUNIQUE ARE NOT NORMAL PRACTICE FOR US, AND WE AND THE ZAMBIANS JOINTLY DECIDED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THAT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR ONE IN THIS CASE. VANCE

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